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LB 1044A, 1044

SENATOR ABOUD: So we could be seeing this bill back before us in a couple of weeks on Final Reading?

SENATOR WESELY: That's correct.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, this LB 1044A poses a mighty temptation for me. But what I'm going to do is say, talking to myself, Satan, get thee behind me. But often when Satan gets behind a person he pushes them right on into the thing that it is you're supposed to be trying not to do. We've had a lot of discussion on LB 1044, and I doubt that the majority of the members here understand what is in that bill, but more importantly, understand what is not in that bill. At this point, it would serve no purpose for me to fight 1044A. Sometimes it's best to let the Legislature have what it is that the Legislature seems intent on taking unto itself. I couldn't stop 1044 anyway. There is no reason for me to try to stop 1044A. I have other fish to fry. There are a number of fish in the barrel remaining that I will be dealing with. LB 1044 and 1044A no longer fit that category. I will vote against them. If anybody tries to bring it back for an amendment I'll discuss the amendment if I think I ought to. But as far as my being an obstacle to 1044 or 1044A, other than my negative vote, I will not be that obstacle. I am, though, very disappointed, though not surprised, that we, as a body, have not dealt with this issue as seriously as I think we should have. I'm especially disappointed in my good friend, Senator Jensen, who, by the way, I hope somebody will point out when he runs for reelection again, how he and I worked together on gambling so that the same attack can be made against him that he made against Senator Rasmussen when he bounced her. I'm looking at Senator Brown sitting there grinning like a Cheshire cat, I hope that when she runs again somebody will point out where she and I worked together, I think we even cosponsored a juvenile judge bill, and do as Skutt did before when tried to have her defeated by hooking her name up to mine. Do you all realize that even in the Secretary of State race my name was conjured by to try to get somebody defeated. I don't know who it was who defeated former judge, Senator Momen, who was a judge, but that person also tied his name to mine. Right